

CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 24, 2022, 7:00 PM
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Guidugli, on Monday, January 24, 2022, 7:00 PM. Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic concerns, this meeting was held virtually in conjunction with a live Facebook stream. The public had access to the live stream meeting through the City of Newport, KY Facebook Page Facebook.com/CityofNewportKY.

In Attendance:

Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr., Vice Mayor Frank Peluso, Commissioner Beth Fennell, Commissioner Jerry Peluso, Commissioner Ken Rehtin.

Others Present:

City Manager Thomas Fromme, City Attorney Dan Braun, City Clerk Janie Patterson, Chief of Police Christopher Fangman, Chief of Fire/EMS Frank Peluso.

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

None

PERSONNEL ORDERS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2022-001

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING AUSTIN G. KRESSER TO THE POSITION OF FIRE/MEDIC GRADE 3 IN THE NEWPORT FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 25, 2022

Commissioner Ken Rehtin made a motion to approve Order R-2022-001; Commissioner Vice Mayor Peluso offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2022-002

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING WILLIAM G. MURPHY TO THE POSITION OF FIRE/MEDIC GRADE 3 IN THE NEWPORT FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 25, 2022

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve Order R-2022-002; Commissioner Ken Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2022-003

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING MATTHEW J. GARRETT TO THE POSITION OF FIRE/MEDIC GRADE 3 IN THE NEWPORT FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 25, 2022

Commissioner Ken Rehtin made a motion to approve Order R-2022-003; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2022-004

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, PROMOTING ENGINEER/MEDIC CHRISTOPHER A. HOLMES TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT IN THE NEWPORT FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve Order R-2022-004; Commissioner Ken Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rechtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2022-005

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, PROMOTING FIRE/MEDIC GRADE 3 DANIEL A. VERKAMP TO THE RANK OF ENGINEER/MEDIC GRADE 1 IN THE NEWPORT FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Comments

- Commissioner Ken Rechtin – Thanked and recognized Fire/EMS Chief Frank Peluso for the hard work he has been doing.
- Fire/EMS Chief Frank Peluso – Commented that with the three new hires the Fire Department will be back to full staff.

Commissioner Ken Rechtin made a motion to approve Order R-2022-005; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rechtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

- Kris Weller – Inquired about Corporex’s involvement with General James Taylor Park.
 - Discussion took place. Corporex will not be deciding how the Park will be built out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes December 13, 2021

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Jerry Peluso offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Abstain
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin	Abstain
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE O-2021-021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

Comments

- City Manager Thomas Fromme – Commented this is an annual housekeeping measure for ordinances to be codified by our publisher.

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve Ordinance O-2021-021; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2022-006

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY CONCERNING THE ARPA ALLOCATION

Comments

- City Manager Thomas Fromme – Commented a survey was shared with the Board for suggestions.
- Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. – Thanked everyone who helped set up the survey.

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve Order R-2022-006; Commissioner Vice Mayor Frank Peluso offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rechtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2022-007

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY REAPPOINTING JUDITH LLOYD AND JERRY NEWBERRY AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY EACH FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2024

Comments

- Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. and Commissioner Ken Rechtin thanked all of the Board of Adjustment members for the work they do for the City.

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve Order R-2022-007; Commissioner Ken Rechtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rechtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2022-008

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY REAPPOINTING NEAL CONNOR AND JOE KLARE AS MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY FOR THE REMAINDER OF A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2025

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve Order R-2022-008; Commissioner Ken Rechtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2022-009

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY REAPPOINTING BILL KREUTZJANS AND RONALD RAWE AS MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY EACH FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2026

Comments

- City Manager Thomas Fromme – Commented that Board and Committee members do attend specific trainings.

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve Order R-2022-009; Commissioner Ken Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Police Chief Christopher Fangman
 - There are four police recruits who are about to graduate.
 - The Police Department is fully staffed and stated it is a direct reflection on the support of leadership.
- Fire/EMS Chief – Commented retired Assistant Fire Chief, James Schafer, had been battling cancer and recently passed away.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Thomas Fromme – Commented Out Door Dining and Seating was removed from the agenda to rereview and get more public input.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- Commissioner Beth Fennell – Commented the Bengals excitement is great not only for sport fans but for our region.
- Commissioner Ken Rehtin – Expressed his condolences for Wally Pagan.
- Commissioner Jerry Peluso – Personally welcomed Austin Kresser, William Murphy, Chris Holmes, Matthew Garrett, and Daniel Verkamp to the Newport Fire Department. Expressed his condolences for Wally Pagan.
- Vice Mayor Frank Peluso – Expressed his condolences for Wally Pagan. He had the pleasure of working with him and Wally helped the City as a whole.
- Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.
 - Thanked the staff for their effort and time involved with the Outdoor Dining and Seating Ordinance to find a good balanced solution.
 - Stated this meeting was virtual due to necessity.
 - Resident's input is critical for the success and of General James Taylor. He asked the public to continue to provide input and complete the surveys offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ken Rehtin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM; Commissioner Jerry Peluso offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

02-28-2022
Date Approved/Signed

Thomas L. Guidugli Jr.
THOMAS L. GUIDUGLI JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janie Patterson
JANIE PATTERSON, CITY CLERK